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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OF FSI ARABIC LANGUAGE  
FIELD SCHOOL

REF: STATE 249766

1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO COOPERATE IN FACILITATING TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OF FSI ARABIC LANGUAGE FIELD SCHOOL IN TUNIS. HOWEVER, AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, TUNIS WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE AS OTHER THAN A TEMPORARY SITE BECAUSE TUNISIAN DIALECT FAR REMOVED FROM STANDARD ARABIC.

2. PER REFTTEL, PARA 3 (A), WE HAVE TAKEN SOUNDING WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL MOFA ON TEMPORARY LOCATION OF SCHOOL IN TUNIS. HE INDICATED THT HE WOULD NEED TO "CONSULT" AND WOULD BE BACK TO US SOONEST. AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE GOT WILL OBJECT.

3. PER REFTTEL, PARA 3 (B), WE HAVE NOT YET APPROACHED GOT ON SUBJECT OF WORK AND RESIDENCE  
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PERMITS FOR FSI INSTRUCTORS. HOWEVER, IF THERE NO

GOT OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO LOCATING SCHOOL HERE WE DO NOT BELIEVE PERMITS WILL PRESENT SERIOUS PROBLEM.

4 PER REFTTEL, PARA 3 (C), EMBASSY HAS LOCATED ONE HOTEL IN TUNIS/CARTHAGE AREA THAT HAS TENTATIVELY AGREED TO HOUSE SCHOOL, INSTRUCTORS, STUDENTS AND DEPENDENTS THROUGH MARCH, 1976. HOTEL MANAGER STATED THAT HOTEL PREBOOKED BEGINNING APRIL, 1976, AS THIS IS START OF TOURIST SEASON. HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PRICE QUOTATION, BUT WILL FORWARD COSTS AS SOON AS RECEIVED. OTHER SUITABLE HOTELS CONTACTED DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR PERIOD OF TIME REQUIRED.

5. PER REFTTEL, PARA 3 (D), AMERICAN COOPERATIVE SCHOOL OF TUNIS IS ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS APPROXIMATELY 20 - 30 CHILDREN. ASSUME BEIRUT AWARE SCHOOL ONLY GOES FROM KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE EIGHT. STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE NORMALLY ATEND SCHOOLS AWAY FROM POST.

6. PER REFTTEL, PARA 3 (E), EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FIELDS SCHEDULED DEPART POST OCT 25 FOR APPRIOXIMATELY SIX WEEKS TDY ON PROMOTION PANELS. IN VIEW HIS DEPARTURE, AND IN LIGHT OF MAGNITUDE OF WORKLOAD REQUIRED GET PROJECT SUCH AS THIS OFF THE GROUND, STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (WITH STRONG FRENCH OR ARABIC LANGUAGE CAPABILITY) BE SENT TDY TO TUNIS DURING FIELDS' ABSENCE. IN ADDITION, FEEL EMBASSY WOULD PERHAPS NEED TWO OR THREE ADDITIONAL LOCAL HIRE POSITIONS (TEMPORARY) TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL WHILE IN TUNIS. THESE POSITIONS COULD BE PIT POSITIONS. HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE FINAL JUDGMENT UNTIL WE RECEIVE MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION REGARDING QUANTITY OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIRED.  
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